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25 November 1964

## NRO DECLASSIFICATION/RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS ON FILE

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Field Activities, OSA

SUBJECT: Prealert of IDEALIST/TACKLE by  
DIA or Air Force

25X1A2D1 REFERENCE:

[REDACTED]  
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1. On receipt of [REDACTED] it appeared that [REDACTED] and possibly other addressees were being prealerted to IDEALIST/TACKLE Missions. Via [REDACTED] I requested [REDACTED] to identify the originator of the alert messages they received. [REDACTED] identified AFXOPR as the originator for both missions. A check against date time groups versus actual launch times shows that prealert was being furnished [REDACTED] about 24 hours in advance.

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2. Due to the security that you have requested on prealert information, this appears to be an unwarranted violation. [REDACTED] did not identify other addressees on the AFXOPR cables but I suspect there were others.

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3. It is my opinion that this should be brought to the attention of Col. Ledford and that the passing of prealert information be reviewed, that in the future those addressees to whom prealert information is addressed should be informed as to the limit of distribution and certainly not pass information until after take off. There are other ways in which [REDACTED] can be notified of impending processing to be done. I have discussed this with [REDACTED] in NRO and he agrees that tightening up of prealert information, particularly in this instance, should be looked into.

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SIGNED  
[REDACTED]  
Chief, Intelligence Division  
Office of Special Activities

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GROUP 1  
Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and  
declassification

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Distribution:

- #1 - D/FA/OSA
- #2 - AD/OSA
- #3 - DAD/OSA
- #4 - IDEA/OSA
- #5 - SS/OSA
- #6 - ID/OSA
- #7 - RB/OSA

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